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COMMENT.

A People's party has been organized at Las Vegas.

Five persons were killed and 37 injured in a collision on the D. & R. G. near Florence, Colo., last Saturday.

The River and Harbor bill finally passed both houses as agreed to by the committee of Conference, on Monday last.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills has been unanimously re-nominated for Congress by his Texas constituents. He will of course be re-elected by a nearly unanimous vote.

The "Black Range" has invented a new name for the particular kind of tangle foot affected by the Constitution cranks. It is "Statehood elixir." The name is very expressive.

The Pecos Valley Register, at Roswell, is another and the latest addition to the ranks of the Democratic press of New Mexico. Mr. James Kibbey, late of the Lincoln Independent, is now the proprietor of the Register.

Speaker Reed was re-elected to Congress from Maine last Monday by an increased vote. He spent the last week before the election canvassing, and had also Congressman McKinley and others to assist him.

The schoolastic population of Texas is 562,000 and the state last year expended \$2,300,000 for the support of schools. Can any Republican state of corresponding population and wealth show such a record?

Those employed to post notices of a Republican primary in Colorado, not being able to read, posted most of them upside down. Take away the ignorant from the ranks of the Republicans and what have you left? Max Frost and Tom Catron. (Albuquerque Democrat.)

And even they serve rather to illustrate the trite saying that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

The Republican candidate for sheriff of Conway County, Ark., killed the brother of his Democratic opponent at the late election there. Under the operation of Republican logic usual in such cases, it is reliable now to stigmatize every Republican in that state as a desperado and an assassin.

The Republicans must look sharp during the coming campaign. It is morally certain that the execution committee of the Democratic party will do almost anything to attain a victory. They are of the opinion, that the end justifies the means, no matter what the means. (New Mexican.)

The New Mexican is evidently getting scared. That is the way people always talk when they see defeat ahead in a political campaign, and is a sure sign of defeat.

There is a scarcity of feed in large sections of Montana this year, and many water courses are dry. The outlook for the agricultural interests as well as stock, is very poor, taking the average of the country. Under the rule of logic adopted by the New Mexico stateholders, reversed, this condition of affairs is all due to the recent admission of Montana to statehood.

This thing of being for the nominees of any political party simply because he is the nominee, qualifications, availability and obligations not considered, is played out with the widely-circulating, independent, bimonthly newspapers of New Mexico, at least so with this journal (Optic).

Farther down the same column the Optic admits that Joseph is a "better man than some who might be nominated by the Republican convention." Is it possible the Optic is paving the way to bolt Don Mariano as the "bright" nominee of the Republican Convention. It looks that way.

The first step necessary in order to secure immigration from the east and thus bring about the development of the great natural resources of New Mexico, is the settlement of our land titles. (Citizen.) How now! It has been dinged into the public ear for the past year, that statehood under the Bump Convention's Constitution, was the only and unfulfilling method for the procurement of immigration. The above admission is valuable, and shows that the pro-constituent people are at last getting a little sense on this subject.

DON'T FAIL TO VOTE IN OCTOBER.

The election on the constitution is to take place on the 7th of October next, three weeks from next Tuesday. It is in some respects the most important election ever held in New Mexico, or at least would be the most important if there were any probability of the adoption of the Constitution submitted. There is only one thing that can secure its adoption—that is the failure of those opposed to it to go to the polls and vote against it.

The purpose of submitting it to a vote on the day named instead of the general election day in November, as was at first provided, was to avoid a full vote thereon. Its framers, the men who have thus practiced a fraud upon the people of the Territory, hoped by thus putting the people to the trouble and loss of time in attending two elections within the space of thirty days when every useful purpose could be accomplished and time and expense saved by holding them the same day—to prevent a full vote—to avoid the large anti-constitution vote of the thousands of ranchmen, cattlemen and miners located at long distances from the polling places—thus practically disfranchising a large proportion of the voters who are well known to be very generally opposed to the Constitution, and by the vote of persons living in and about the towns and controlled by the Dons who are to be the beneficiaries of this Constitution if adopted—to thus secure its adoption through a light vote against it.

This proposition was urged upon the last Legislature in the general message of the then Governor, to that body. To show that the attention of the Legislature was then specially called to the propriety and importance of this subject, we append that part of the Governor's message, as follows:

Many cases of hardship occur from time to time to individuals of the community, from ignorance of the provisions of existing laws. To avoid this, I recommend the adoption of the custom prevailing in many of the states, of the publication of all laws enacted at every session of the legislature, immediately upon their final passage. In every regularly published weekly newspaper in the territory, and publication to be paid for the uniform rates upon a certificate of publication by the secretary of the territory.

Every citizen has a right to know the precise nature and requirements of the laws enacted for his government, and it is equally the duty of the governing power to afford him every reasonable facility for obtaining that information by the general publication of all its acts, such acts to take effect only upon such publication.

PUBLISH THE LAWS.

The Las Vegas Optic has a timely article on this subject. It is one that should be actively urged by every newspaper in the Territory, by no means as a favor to the press, but as the people's right. Under the present method it is safe to say that not one in a hundred of the people have the remotest idea of the nature of the laws under which they live and are governed. As a rule they have no means of knowing anything of the action of the Legislature.

Then, too, if the general publication of laws were required, and the people thus informed from day to day as to what their legislators were doing, and their acts daily laid before the public for criticism, those gentlemen would be far more careful than they apparently have been as to what they put upon the statute books.

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The full Democratic County Committee will meet at Limon Court House on the 8th, next Tuesday, when they will organize a campaign that will last the full month of October, and sound, triumphant all along the line. This paper, as the only democratic journal in the territory, and publication to be paid for the uniform rates upon a certificate of publication by the secretary of the territory.

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LET THEM BE REQUIRED.

It is being the unvarying custom in the House of Representatives, at the close of the session, to tender the Speaker's vote of thanks for his "able and impartial" administration of his office, and it has been also the unvarying custom of the House to pass such resolution unanimously and without question.

Mr. Reed has been the most tyrannical, partisan and vindictive speaker the House has ever had. He deserves a rebuke, and we trust he will receive it. It is a good time now to call a halt in the "taffy" business. When Mr. McKinley or Mr. Cannon rises in his seat on the day of adjournment, and offers the usual and too often lamebrake resolution of thanks to the Speaker, etc., etc., let some Democrat who has more consideration for decency and the truth of history and less reverence for tradition, rise in his place and call for the ayes and nays.

So, at the dictation of Mr. Otero, they have played this juggling trick upon the people, and Mr. S. Otero becomes the author and beneficiary of a piece of low down despicable trickery seldom equalled in the history of partisan strife.

It thus becomes doubly important that the people, notwithstanding the inconveniences and embarrassments of the situation, resolutely put aside every thing else and turn out and vote down that Constitution of the 7th of October. Its adoption, especially under the circumstances, would be a public disgrace, and especially if it should result in the election of the man who conceived and on whose motion this game of political banquo is being played, it would be more than a disgrace—a calamity.

The friends of Mr. Joseph should bear in mind that every political party simply because he is the nominee, qualifications, availability and obligations not considered, is played out with the widely-circulating, independent, bimonthly newspapers of New Mexico, at least so with this journal (Optic).

Such a course would be the most important in the event of the territory being admitted to statehood. It will be good for the people if they do not submit to the measure at the present time. There exists a gang and ring in Santa Fe, all bad and notorious, as any in Colorado. Disreputable politicians, salaried lawyers, gamblers, prostitutes, "toughs," together on a silver platter. They pass a bill which, according to Secretary Windom, "makes the treasury the biggest operator in the most gigantic concern ever organized." They buy options on silver, send up the price by their own legislation and pocket big profits. This is repulsive financial legislation. The operators on the capitol hill board have this great advantage over ordinary speculators in corn and short ribs: they make the government buy what they want to increase the price of. (National Democrat.)

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